

# 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment Public Affairs Fort Benning, Ga. 706-545-4260/706-577-5706 (cell) US Army Special Operations Command 910-583-8801

# **MEDIA ADVISORY: Ranger Rendezvous 2007**

FORT BENNING, Ga.—More than 1,000 Rangers from the 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment will conduct a mass tactical airborne operation here to kick-off Ranger Rendezvous, August 6-9.

The Rendezvous is a unit tradition to bring the entire Regiment together for the Regimental change of command. The days leading up to the ceremony are filled with Ranger demonstrations and events. Ranger families and veterans traditionally attend the event as well. Overall, Ranger Rendezvous helps foster spirit de corps within the Ranger community.

Several events during the week are open to the media. A list of open events and a brief description of each follows.

#### **Schedule of Events**

### Monday, August 6

5 p.m. Mass Tactical Airborne Jump Fryar Drop Zone More than 1,000 Rangers from the 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment will conduct an airborne operation onto Fryar Drop Zone. Rangers will be in full combat gear. This is a unique opportunity to observe such a massive airborne operation.

## Tuesday, August 7

6 a.m. Regimental Physical Training Designated route on post About 1,000 Rangers will participate in a three-mile run for Regimental physical training.

#### **Tuesday, August 7 continued**

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Ranger Stress Shoot Competition Range area Ranger teams compete for the best team in a stress-shoot training obstacle. The event tests Rangers on their combat skills including marksmanship and clearing obstacles.

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Ranger Open House 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn., 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Rgt. *Guests may experience the latest in vehicles, equipment, gear and technology during displays manned by Rangers.* 

10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Ranger Sports Various Locations

A variety of Ranger sports competitions will take place throughout the day including combatives/boxing, football, softball and tug-of-war.

### Wednesday, August 8

10:30 a.m. Distinguished & Honorary Members Infantry Hall/Classroom 6 of the 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment Ceremony

Seven distinguished and three honorary members will be inducted into the Distinguished and Honorary Members of the 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment Ceremony. Distinguished members are inducted for their outstanding accomplishments while assigned to the 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment. Honorary members are inducted for their outstanding support to the 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment.

1:30 p.m. Ranger Hall of Fame Induction Infantry Hall/Marshall Auditorium Fifteen distinguished and two honorary members will be inducted into the Ranger Hall of Fame. Distinguished members are inducted to honor and preserve the contributions of the most extraordinary U.S. Rangers in American History. Honorary induction is in recognition of extraordinary contributions to Ranger units, the Ranger Memorial Foundation, or the Ranger community.

# Thursday, August 9

6 p.m. 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment

York Field

Change of Command Ceremony

Colonel Richard D. Clarke assumes command of the 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment from Colonel Paul J. LaCamera during a formal ceremony on York Field. Clarke is a former 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment commander.

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NOTE TO THE MEDIA: Media interested in covering any of these events should call (706) 545-4260 to coordinate for an escort. Media escorts will be available from the I-185 Visitor's Center. Please call for specific meeting times and additional information.